

EARTHQUAKE REFUGEES WORK FOR WHAT THEY GET.

How An American Woman Established Charity Organization Methods in Syracuse, After the Messina Disaster.

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American organized charity methods transplanted to the earthquake district of Italy: That is what happened down in Syracuse, Sicily, where an American woman has thought out and perfected a practical scheme for making refugees work for what they get. It was a new idea to the municipal authorities of Syracuse but their co-operation was secured and as a result occupations were found for hundreds of destitute sufferers. Dr. Katharine B. Davis, superintendent of the State Reformatory for Women at Bedford, N. Y., was the only American woman near Syracuse at the time of the disaster and to her is the credit due for the unique work established. This story of what happened in Syracuse after the earthquake is taken from a letter written by Dr. Davis to friends in this country.

A few days after the disaster when the Russian and English warships commenced to unload their hundreds of wounded in Sicily, Dr. Davis returned from Girgenti to Syracuse where many of the victims were landed. There were no adequate hospital accommodations, one trained nurse (an Englishwoman who has escaped from Messina), and practically no food for the sufferers who were barracked at Syracuse. Coupled with these handicaps were the Sicilian ignorance, inefficiency, incapacity for concerted action, and dirt.

Dr. Davis writes that "a thousand mangled people at a time is quite enough." For two days she was in the hospital and then the German and Italian Red Cross physicians came, leaving the local doctors opportunity to concentrate their efforts outside the hospital. "Enough cannot be said of the way the Germans took hold," Dr. Davis writes. "They brought several car loads of materials. The chief of the expedition told me that two hours from the time he received his orders, he had his list of necessities completed. In twenty-four hours everything had been bought, packed and loaded in the train and the expedition had started. It took them five days to get here. They brought folding iron cot mattresses covered with blankets to stuff them, bedding, food, all surgical supplies, eight trained nurses—everything. They came with the same military discipline they used when they went to the Russian-Japanese war, for this is the same man, or one of them, who went there. They built brick ovens for cooking and had water running smoothly; but it was two weeks after the first wounded got here and much unnecessary suffering and loss of life had resulted."

With the coming of the Red Cross, Dr. Davis left the hospital and organized work for women and children. Simple clothing could be made and at least a few of the refugees could be given work at a nominal wage. The hospital authorities were trying to meet the problem of necessary clothing.

An Ancient Traveler's Outfit.

A small "Traveler's Guide," dated 1780, contains a good deal of advice as to the luggage which should be carried. "Take," says the book, "two pairs of shoes, one pair of slippers, six neckties, six collars, six handkerchiefs, four pairs of cuffs, three cravats, two pairs of cotton hose, two pairs of socks." But this is not all, as is shown by the following items: "Take a Bible, a book of sermons, a 'Traveler's Guide,' two almanacs, a diary, a quill pen, a pocket watch, a silver watch, a silver snuff box, a silver spoon, a pair of silver shoe buckles, a silver pin, three silver studs, a gold seal ring, a knife and fork with silver handles, a sewing case, an opera glass, a compass, a wax light and a tinder box, a toothbrush, a silver toothpick, a sword, a silver mounted cane, a padlock with which to fasten your door at night inside, a clothes brush, a box of medicine."—Pall Mall Gazette.

Fishes That Cannot Swim.

More than one species of fish is met with which cannot swim, the most singular of which perhaps is the malthea, a Brazilian fish, whose organs of locomotion only enable it to crawl or walk or hop after the manner of a toad, to which animal this fish to some extent bears a resemblance, and it is provided with a long upturned snout. The anterior (pectoral) fins of the malthea, which are quite small, are not capable of acting on the water, but can only move backward and forward, having, truly, the form of thin pads. Both the head and the ventral and anal fins are very different from the similar fins in other fishes and could not serve for swimming at all. Other examples of non-swimming fishes include the sea horse, another most peculiarly shaped inhabitant of the sea, which resembles the knight in a set of chessmen, and the starfish, of which there are many specimens, which mostly walk and crawl on the shore or rocks, both being unable to swim.

The African Ostrich.

The African ostrich, from which the best white feathers are obtained, stands six or seven feet high and weighs from 80 to 100 pounds. Its egg is equal to about two dozen hens' eggs. Its feathers sell in Africa for about \$200 a pound at wholesale. While walking quietly its step is about twenty-six inches, but when frightened the stride increases to about twelve feet, and at this gait it can run something like twenty-five miles an hour. When pursued it sometimes turns and beats the pursuer a blow with the foot, and it can kick him with the heel of a male. The African ostrich is the largest bird now existing on earth. The American ostrich is only about half the size of the African and has three toes, while the African bird has only two. The plumage of the American ostrich is gray.

The Discovery of Electro Gliding.

The experiments which led to the discovery of the method of electro gliding were made in a cell at the citadel of Mandelburg, in which place, on account of his participation in a duel, young Siemens was at the time a prisoner, the chemicals and apparatus employed being procured and smuggled into the fortress by a friendly chemist of the town. In the second place, it was the sale of the patent rights in this invention in England which sup-

plied the brothers Werner and William with the necessary funds to carry on their experiments and so helped to lay the foundation of the important firms of Siemens & Halske in Germany and Siemens Bros. in England.

The Tyrant Doctor.

Human nature is beginning to revolt at what it calls "that modern tyrant" the doctor, for it is a fact, and rather a sad one, that doctors have got the upper hand of us in these days; that when we are ill we go through medicinal tortures and when we are well we endure a preventive system hardly less wearisome and painful. The truth of it is we are all become faddists, and the doctors are the very worst ones.—Lady Phyllis in London Bystander.

Woman's Brain.

Because woman has a smaller brain mass than man it does not by any means follow that she has an inferior or smaller intellect. I smile the quiet Socratic smile when I hear men declare that women have not equal intelligence with men. It is a position that no man can seriously maintain.—Dr. Emil Reich.

Different Medicine.

Mr. Courtney (battering)—I had the blues when I came here tonight, Miss Fisher, but they are all gone now. You are as good as medicine. Miss Fisher's Little Brother—Yes, father himself says she'll be a drug in the market if she doesn't catch on to some fellow soon.

Making a Job of It.

The firemen continued their exertions until after 2 o'clock, by which hour all the damage that could be done was at an end.—Newcastle (England) Chronicle.

Believed Him.

He (indignantly)—I beg your pardon, miss, but I always keep my word. She (compacently)—I can easily believe that, for no one would take it.

Young America's Reply.

"We have a new baby at our house." "What's his name?" "I don't know. He didn't bring any card."

One Ring and Another.

"I wonder when the ring first became connected with fighting?" said the follower of pugilism. "Oh," replied Hencken, "I suppose it dates back to the beginning of the Christian religion." "What's that?" "What has pugilism to do with religion?" "Oh, I thought you were speaking of the wedding ring."—Philadelphia Press.

The Doctor's Aim.

Some frivolous person has remarked that illness was like a struggle between two people and that the doctor resembled the third man, who intervened to separate them with a club. Sometimes he hit the disease on the head and sometimes the patient.—Hospital.

Intermission.

He yelled at the top of his voice for two hours and then stopped. "Well," said his mother, "are you going to be good? Have you finished crying?" "No," said Tommy, "I have not finished; I'm only resting."

Forcing Business.

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Bridgeport, March 31st, A.D., 1909. Upon the complaint of the said City of Bridgeport, praying for reasons therein set forth, for a foreclosure of tax liens as described, returnable to the Court of Common Pleas, in and for Fairfield County, on the first Tuesday of May, 1909, it appearing to and being found by the subscribing authority that Juliette S. Noble one of the said defendants is absent from this State and gone to parts unknown.

THEREFORE ORDERED, That notice of the pendency of said complaint be given by publishing this order in the Bridgeport Evening Farmer, a newspaper printed in Bridgeport, two weeks successively, commencing on or before the 22nd day of April, A.D., 1909.

SIDNEY N. LOCKWOOD, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Fairfield County. S 31

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